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SUBJECT: POLAND ON REQUEST TO DEMARCHE SCO MEMBER STATES

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Classified By: Political Counselor Mary T. Curtin, reasons 1.4(b)&(d)

¶1. (S) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Krzysztof Ciebien, Minister-Counselor in the MFA Asia Pacific Department. Ciebien carefully reviewed the U.S. position and promised to consult with colleagues in the Security Policy Department and the Eastern Policy Department (which handles Central Asia). He noted that the SCO was still an evolving organization, and Poland at times had difficulty determining how best to deal with its members as a group. He acknowledged, however, that Poland was well aware of both Russian and Chinese efforts to expand their influence in Central and South Asia - which was often accompanied by attempts to lessen U.S. and other Western "interference" in what they perceived as their traditional spheres of influence. Ciebien also agreed that - in addition to certain troubling tendencies inspired by the Chinese and Russians - there were also constructive aspects to the SCO that could and should be encouraged.

¶2. (S) While he could not promise that the GOP would seek out SCO member states explicitly to echo the U.S. demarche, he did undertake to try to add instructions on the SCO demarche to meetings with SCO member governments on other matters.

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